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Application No.: 09/881,748

Filed: June 18, 2001

For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING
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METHYLATION PATTERNS

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A copy of the U.S. Patent No. 6,214,556 B1 is not enclosed. It is related to a foreign patent document, document number WO 99/28498, which was originally cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated April 11, 2002, and for which an abstract in English was provided.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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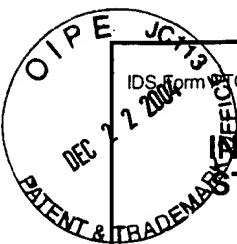
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